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BOARD OF CITIZEN ADVISERS WILL BE SUPREME POWER

Mayor's Bond Issuing Committee Meets This Afternoon and Decides Its Powers Supersede Those of the Board of Apportionment—School Board Wants \$600,000 For New Buildings—Three New Firehouses To Be Asked By Department—Members in Tilt.

The meeting of Mayor Wilson's advisory committee, named to devise ways and means for a million dollar bond issue, was held this afternoon.

The opening was distinguished by a tilt between Frank Miller, banker, and John T. King, Republican leader. Mr. Miller, it seems, didn't understand exactly what the board is for.

Mr. Miller inquired as to the duties of the board. He was told by Mr. King that they are to select the permanent improvements that, in their opinion, the city should have, and devise means of paying for them—or getting them. Mr. Miller said he understood the board was an advisory one, to recommend things to the board of apportionment.

Mr. King held another opinion. The purpose of the board is to recommend to the common council.

A glimmer of how that one million dollar bond issue is to be put over

AUTHORITIES GATHER AFFIDAVITS IN GRAFT CASE AGAINST BORINO

Erstwhile Politician is Alleged to Have Fostered Opening of Water Street Disorderly House From Which He is Accused of Receiving Income.

Affidavits specifically charging Ralph Borino with having taken a percentage of the revenues of a disorderly house, and with representing that he took additional payments of \$100 a month to avert raids by the police, have been obtained by the police.

Borino has been released under a bond of \$1,000, furnished by Bernard Greenstein, father of Henry Greenstein of Fallon & Greenstein, counsel for the accused.

The contents of the affidavits have not been disclosed by the authorities, but they are said to be of a sensational nature. It is known that the statement is made that Cletus H. King received \$300 in connection with the passing of the lease, and that no receipt for this sum was given. King is the Fairfield lawyer now disbarred and in state's prison for mortgage frauds.

The story of the launching of the Hotel Auto's latest venture in the red lights of the city goes back considerably before election.

Mary Smith, alias Raquette, was a waitress in an Italian restaurant in Water street, near the railroad station. Borino met her during the fall. The story current in police circles is that Borino and she considered the Hotel Auto possibilities, and that the woman, formerly of New York city, went to her haunts to get an associate.

She met Mary Torrao, also known as Raquette, and made the proposition of a partnership to her. The Smith woman also assumed the alias of Raquette in a police raid here following the forming of the partnership.

Mary Torrao's son, James, came here early in October, got work in one of the munition plants, and one afternoon, while at the Hotel Auto, encountered Police Captain John H. Regan. Regan had noted signs of life about the Auto, and inquired the purpose of the new management.

There was implied defiance in Torrao's retorts to the police captain's inquiries, but the officer warned him that no disorderly inmates would be tolerated in the building. Torrao, who is reported to have replied that the police would not molest the place—made the arrangements had not yet received news of it.

The fact that three raids have been made since that time at last has convinced the Torrao woman at her son that Borino's professed influence failed to avail them at police headquarters.

Borino's specific arrangements with the women, the affidavits charged, was that he was to receive \$100 a month which he was to use for protection; and 15 per cent of the net profits. These conditions he sought to change later but the Torrao woman's son objected.

The police assert that Borino received the Smith woman's share of the profits, because of the relations between them. It is upon the specific charge that he lived from such revenue that Borino now is held under \$1,000 bond.

Elm Country Club Loses Its License

Country Residents No Longer Will Be Obligated to Hear the Hammering of the Automatic Piano and Other Sounds of Revelry.

The county commissioners this morning handed down a decision denying a liquor license to the Elm Country club of Westport. They held that the organization was not a bona fide club within the meaning of the law.

There was a big remonstrance against the application and when the hearing was held Saturday, several prominent Westport residents testified against the club.

They said the noise made by the frequenters was annoying and the continual playing of the automatic piano was also objectionable. It was alleged that of the 600 names on the membership rolls many were those who had stopped to buy drinks or meals and had signed membership in order to be permitted to make purchases. Many well known names were on the list.

The commissioners announced that the hearing on the remonstrance against F. J. Higgins of 936 Hallett street had been postponed for one week. It was to have been heard today. The Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. remonstrated on the ground that there are already enough saloons in the neighborhood.

U. M. C. Company Continues Fight Against Saloons

The effort of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. to keep saloons from the vicinity of its plant will be renewed tomorrow when a hearing is scheduled in the superior court on the company's appeal from the county commissioners. The company is aggrieved at the decision of the commissioners in granting a transfer to M. Schmucke & Sons, of 556 Hallett street.

There was a remonstrance against this application several months ago but the commissioners granted the license. The applicants transferred from 748 Pembroke street. They declared they conducted a boarding house for workmen and desired permission to serve drinks with meals. Attorneys Marsh, Stoddard & Day represent the Union Metallic Co. and DeForest & Klein appear for the applicants.

Struck on Head By Driver, Bergeron Is Seriously Hurt

Fred Bergeron, an employee of George T. Kelly, truckman, was struck on the head by Calvin Scott, a driver in the stables at Wells street and Housatonic avenue, this afternoon. Bergeron is in the Bridgeport hospital, believed to have sustained a fracture of the skull. Scott has been placed under arrest.

THEIR ORGANIST OUT, CHOIR IS ON VERGE OF STRIKE

Miss Florence Umstatter and Rector Disagree on Tempo Religioso.

ORGANIST CLAIMS CONTRACT RIGHTS

Now Two Organists Are on Duty at St. Luke's Church For Each Service.

Following a dispute between rector and organist over the proper rendition of a religious number, the choir of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Stratford avenue and Sixth street, is in a turbulent state.

Yesterday there was almost a strike in the choir. The organist, Miss Florence Umstatter, had been dismissed, summarily. The choir at first talked of refusing to sing. Miss Umstatter pleaded with them to follow their usual custom. But one singer already resigned, and has taken her place beside Miss Umstatter in one of the front pews of the church.

The trouble began a week ago. Miss Umstatter had her own idea of the tempo that should govern a processional. Mr. Jepson had a different idea of it. The rector asserted his authority as choirmaster. Miss Umstatter declared her authority as organist.

Then, during the week, Miss Umstatter received several letters. They called for a conference at the rectory. She did not comply with the suggestions. On Saturday night, at ten o'clock, a special delivery letter reached Miss Umstatter's home. In it she received the news of her discharge.

"I am the organist of St. Luke's church until May 1, and I shall be present to fulfill my duty at every rehearsal and service," was her reply. Miss Umstatter is paid in playing the organ. The choir members volunteer their services.

Yesterday when she appeared, to perform her usual duties she found another using her robes, and in her place. Quickly the word passed through the congregation that there was trouble in the choir—that Miss Umstatter had been supplanted. Miss Umstatter was taken by the arm, by a member of the rector's family, and ushered out of the choir room. But she marched up the aisle directly behind the choir and took a pew near the front, where another of the choir joined her.

Miss Umstatter has been organist of the church for six years. She is well known in musical circles which are awaiting the development of the situation with interest. The choir members are reported to be favorably inclined towards Miss Umstatter, and to be preparing to insist upon her reinstatement under threat of walking out of the choir next Sunday if this step is not taken.

WESTINGHOUSE CO. MAY HAVE STRIKE OF ALL EMPLOYEES

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the striking toolmakers and machinists of the Westinghouse Co., a general strike of all employees was discussed. Nearly 400 toolmakers and machinists struck Saturday. The advisory committee of the striking men will meet tonight to appoint a time for a vote on a general strike. Union officials say that if the strike is voted it will be called not before Wednesday. Such a strike would affect the 2,500 men employed in the various Westinghouse shops.

Tugs With Tows Race Here to Dump Coal

Five tugs each towing barges loaded with soft coal to relieve the threatened famine of that article in Bridgeport, raced up the Sound this morning and brought in 22 boats, averaging 370 tons of soft coal a boat.

The tug Robert Robinson brought in eight barges alone while the tugs, Charles Henry McWilliams and the Hockendake, with a joint tow, the William E. Gladish, and the Bulley, each had several for this city. It was a good natured race and all entered Bridgeport harbor about the same time.

Police Begin Drive Against Unnecessary Noises on Streets

Superintendent Eugene Birmingham today posted a notice in all the police stations directing the police to enforce the ordinance adopted by the common council November 13, relative to making unnecessary noises on the streets of the city.

The ordinance relates to clanging of bells on junk dealers' wagons, blowing fish horns and yelling of the peddlers.

Several complaints have been received by the superintendent and he is determined that the nuisance shall be abated and the violators of that ordinance brought before the court.

TO COMMIT HUGGER.

Rassey Wilson, aged 18, colored, of 192 Beardsley street, who was arrested while hugging a young woman at Main street and Fairfield avenue at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, will be placed in confinement. In city court today Wilson's father admitted that his son had suffered mentally at one time.

VILLA TO ENTER U.S.; WILL QUIT REVOLUTIONISTS

Agents Told That He Will be Accorded Asylum of Political Refugee.

IS READY TO CROSS BORDER, TEXAS SAYS

Withdrawal From Field Will Mean of Uprising in North, is Belief.

El Paso, Dec. 20.—An agreement was reached over the proper rendition of a religious number, the choir of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Stratford avenue and Sixth street, is in a turbulent state.

Washington, Dec. 20.—State department officials have decided that General Villa will receive the asylum accorded a political refugee should he enter the United States. This decision was sent last night to General Funtun by the war department for transmission to Villa or his representatives.

State department agents had reported that alleged intermediaries had requested Villa's immunity from arrest, saying that if this was given they believed Villa would abandon the fight against Carranza and retire to private life in the United States.

The state department does not conceal its desire to have Villa eliminated. Without him the revolution in the north will certainly fail, officials believe. The intermediaries also said that the plan was the retirement from the field of the entire Villa army.

Secretary Lansing announced that Villa had the right to enter the United States and would be given the same facilities of doing so as any other foreigner.

Villa Ready to Leave

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 20.—Final arrangements for General Francisco Villa to enter the United States, ending his participation in Mexican affairs were to be made here at noon, according to information from authentic sources. Preparations to this end were begun upon receipt of Secretary Lansing's decision that Villa would be accorded asylum as a political refugee.

LAWYERS ARGUE ON EVIDENCE IN NEW HAVEN CASE

Motion to Discuss Indictments Will Follow in Conspiracy Trial.

New York, Dec. 20.—Motions for the defense to strike out various portions of the testimony introduced by the government marked the resumption today of the trial of 11 former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad under the Sherman law. The presiding judge, Judge Hunt, asked if the government had any motion to enter.

The argument was expected to continue until tomorrow. The argument was expected to consume the entire day and the jury was dismissed until tomorrow.

The trial was entered by Richard V. Lindabury was to strike out the evidence against the defendant, Edward D. Robbins, in the Metropolitan steamship deal.

John C. Milburn argued that there was nothing to show that the other defendants ever knew of the Robbins transactions.

In fact, said Mr. Milburn, "none of them ever knew of these transactions until this trial; nor had anything occurred that aroused in their minds the slightest need for inquiry."

Judge Hunt said that the government held that the evidence in question was sufficient against all the defendants.

"That is our contention," replied R. L. Battle, one of the defense attorneys.

Wilson Marshall Buys Watawga of New York Owner

Wilson Marshall, famed as a yachtsman, who about 10 years ago raced his yacht, Atlantic across the ocean and won the Kaiser's cup, has purchased another yacht, the Watawga, and has brought her into this port. The Watawga was owned by F. L. Humphreys of New York and has been cruising in southern waters until her sale to Mr. Marshall was completed. She is 130 tons, 108 feet registered length, 13.5 registered breadth and 7.5 registered depth. Mr. Marshall was formerly owner of the Levantier, another famous yacht.

SKULL NEAR BROKEN IN FALL OFF WAGON

Roy Bray, living on Vincennes street, driver of a lumber wagon, slipped from his seat in front of the Albee E. Henkel Lumber Co., on Connecticut avenue this afternoon. He suffered a possible fracture of his skull and was taken to Bridgeport hospital in the emergency ambulance.

BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAWN AT GALLIPOLI; DARDANELLES CAMPAIGN MAY BE DROPPED

ALLEGED PLOTTER SAYS KOENIG DIRECTED VAST PLAN TO DESTROY CANAL

New York, Dec. 20.—Frederick Metzler, held with others in connection with alleged plots in this country to embarrass the Allies by hindering the manufacture or of destroying munitions, made a full statement to the Federal authorities today concerning the activities of Paul Koenig of the Hamburg-American line. Koenig, he said, had 25 agents in New York alone, and reported the results of his investigation to Captain von Papen, the German military attaché.

According to Metzler, Koenig's activities though agents extended to Quebec, Burlington, Vt., Boston and Portland, Me. His activities in this city, Metzler charged further, brought into his possession among other things, secret reports made by attaches of the Russian embassy on the result of tests of speed boats in Long Island Sound. These, said Metzler, Koenig got through Frederick Schindler, of the National City bank, now under arrest.

Metzler charged flatly that it was Koenig who sent George Fuchs to destroy the Welland Canal, but Fuchs, he said, reported after visiting the canal, that its destruction could not be accomplished at that time.

The authorities have evidence

Guns and Stores Are Transferred From Two Positions on North Coast of Peninsula and Abandonment of Campaign is Foreshadowed.

Monitors of Allies Shell German Positions Along Coast of Belgium—Teutonic Aviators Active Over Towns in Ypres Section.

London, Dec. 20.—The British troops at the Suvla and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula have been withdrawn.

The following official statement was issued here today: "All the troops at Suvla and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties to another sphere of operations."

The Suvla Bay and Anzac Cove positions are on the north coast of Gallipoli peninsula. Anzac Cove is about 16 miles from the tip. Suvla Bay is about five miles further on.

As no mention is made in the British announcement of the Allied position in the Seddul Bahr position, at the tip of the peninsula, it is not clear whether the withdrawal of troops indicates a decision to abandon the effort to force the Dardanelles or means more of a readjustment of the Allied forces.

There had been no previous hint of such a move although the question had been raised in England whether in view of the failure of the Allies to make appreciable headway in the Dardanelles and the urgent need for additional troops at the front, the Dardanelles campaign should be abandoned.

Two official Turkish communications received yesterday, spoke of heavy firing from land and set by the Allies but mentioned no movements out of the ordinary, although this bombardment has been conducted to cover the withdrawal.

ALLIES' WARSHIPS SHELL BELGIAN COAST TOWNS

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Entente allied monitors yesterday shelled the German positions at Westende, on the Belgian coast, but were finally driven away by land batteries. A German statement issued today by German army headquarters. The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Poperinghe, near Ypres, numerous hostile troops being concentrated there.

GERMANS PREPARING NEW FLANDERS DRIVE

London, Dec. 20.—Withdrawal of the British troops from Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay regions of the Gallipoli peninsula is announced in a brief official statement. The statement says that today, beyond the statement that the movement was effected successfully, with small losses, few details are given and no illusion is made to the allied forces on the Seddul Bahr front at the tip of the peninsula.

Some indication of the long-expected offensive by the Germans in Flanders where the massing of Teutonic troops is said to have been in progress for several weeks is contained in official British and French reports which state that under a cloud of gas Germans attacked British trenches north-east of Ypres. According to these reports the Germans failed to completely take that few of them emerged from their own trenches and those who did so were mowed down by artillery fire. The attack was delivered in the early morning. Later in the day the Germans displayed unusual activities, directing a heavy bombardment on the British lines near Ypres and on the French positions at Messines.

Mines were exploded before the British trenches. The German and German infantry unsuccessfully attempted to occupy the craters thus opened. Along the remainder of the western front artillery duels continue, with the French guns near St. Mihiel developing an intense fire. The Russian and Macedonian fronts, so far as the public is advised, are comparatively quiescent.

The position of Greece is still regarded with keen anxiety by both sides. The German party is reported victorious in the Greek elections, but the expected change in leadership is not accepted as implying a different military policy.

Jan. 1 Proclaimed Polish Relief Day

Washington, Dec. 20.—An executive proclamation designating Jan. 1, 1916, as a day for making contributions for the relief of the stricken inhabitants of Poland was issued today from the White House. President Wilson signed the proclamation Saturday. The fund thus raised will be administered by the American Red Cross, with headquarters here, to which the proclamation states, contributions should be addressed.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and probably Tuesday. Fresh west winds.

SECOND NOTE ON ANCONA, REPEATING U.S. DEMANDS, IS FORWARDED TO VIENNA

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the second American note on the sinking of the steamship Ancona had gone forward yesterday and should reach Vienna tomorrow night.

The note is about 600 words long and, although characterized by those acquainted with its wording as firm in tone, is said to be somewhat less sharp than the first note in the tenor of its demands. It is based squarely, according to those officials, on the Austrian admiralty's own version of the Ancona sinking and while reference is made to statements of survivors, the reference is said to be more incidental than direct.

SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST KING'S HELP TO GET RID OF BRAITHWAITE

Ousted From City Hall Building, Commissioners Get Other Quarters.

Five rooms on the sixth floor of the First-Bridgeport National bank building have been engaged by the board of education for future offices of the board and Superintendent Samuel Slawson. The work of removing the board and telephone operator's station as in the old quarters in the city hall with a private office for Slawson. The rent will be \$300 per year.

The new quarters were engaged by a committee consisting of President Havens and Commissioners Hurley and Goddard. The city hall committee has not yet decided who shall occupy the board of the board of education vacates but it is likely that the offices of the judge of probate will be moved to this floor and the town clerk, who requires more room, will be given the present probate offices. The registrars of voters who have rooms in the Masonic Temple building will be brought back to the city hall.

Continue Case of Suspected Carpenter

In city court today Judge Bartlett ordered a continuance until Dec. 23, under bonds of \$1,000, in the case of Julius Palfi of 207 Spruce street, alleged to have burglarized the home of Elizabeth Takacs at 553 Bowditch avenue.

Palfi was doing carpenter work in a room of the Takacs home and after he had finished work for the day and gone to his home jewelry to the value of \$400 and \$200 in money were found to be missing from a bureau drawer in the room in which Palfi was working. Palfi denies being guilty of the theft. The case was continued to allow a further investigation.

CORONER IN DANBURY

Coroner John J. Phelan at Danbury today conducted an inquiry into the death of Ira Thomas, freight brakeman on the New Haven road, who was killed there last Saturday.

Call on Leader For Assistance.

Although City Clerk J. Alex H. Robinson has announced that he would re-appoint Frank Braithwaite as assistant city clerk, another drive has been made against Braithwaite and it is now said that he will not be re-appointed. Yesterday, a delegation from the Eleventh district, the district in which Braithwaite lives, called on John T. King at his home on Walden avenue. The delegation consisted of Alderman Oliver C. Cole, Charles H. Blackburn, district chairman, and several others. It is said they went to Mr. King to oppose Braithwaite's appointment and that this opposition to Braithwaite is not actuated by political reasons.

Neither Cole nor Blackburn would say anything today about the reason for the visit. City Clerk Robinson would say nothing either. Asked if he had reconsidered his decision regarding Braithwaite he said: "Well, in the political game a man is never sure of anything until he actually has it and sometimes he isn't sure then. I announced several days ago that I would reappoint Mr. Braithwaite and that is all I have to say."

Playing Cards For Drinks is Gambling Rules Judge Bartlett

A fine of \$25 was the penalty meted out by Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in city court today to Vincenzo Schettino, charged with keeping a gambling resort at 145 Willard street, better known as the "Coffee House." Schettino paid the fine. Seventeen frequenters were arrested when the raid was made at 1:30 Sunday morning by Sergeant Charles H. Wheeler and Policemen McGovern, Shea, Flanagan and Bolger.

Four of the frequenters were released this morning while the other 13 were fined \$5 and costs. In the "Coffee House" customers obtain free drinks providing they are lucky at playing cards. In the opinion of Judge Bartlett, it was a violation of the law.